

Mapping of surface water by ISRO

2168. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested the ISRO to map surface water in the State to get the idea of the total surface water available for further exploitation; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the ISRO in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Centre, in consultation with ISRO, has made a proposal for mapping the surface water bodies in Karnataka and submitted the proposal to the State Government (Minor Irrigation Department) for necessary funding for carrying out remote sensing based studies.

National Statistics Commission

2169. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of National Statistics Commission's programme to generate timely and reliable statistics for policy formulation and effective planning and implementation;

(b) if so, the details regarding members, tenure, functions, allocation of works to different members etc.;

(c) whether the statistical data would be available to public on request or on website; and

(d) when will the commission become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The National Statistical Commission has been set-up on 19th January, 2000 to critically examine the deficiencies of the present statistical system with a view to recommending measures for its systematic revamping. The Commission is not entrusted with the task of generating any statistics by itself.

(b) A copy of the resolution dated 19.01.2000 containing details regarding members, tenure, functions etc., is enclosed as Statement. (See below)

(c) The commission is not the repository of data. The data collected by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation are being made available to the public by charging only the cost of media, transcription and delivery.

(d) The Commission has been functioning since January, 2000.

Statement

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 19th January, 2000

No. M/13011/3/99-Admn. IV-The Government of India has decided to establish a National Statistical Commission to critically examine the deficiencies of the present statistical system with a view to recommending measures for a systematic revamping of the system. The Commission will consist of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Governor, Andhra Pradesh as its part-time Chairman and the following as part-time members:

(1) Shri V.R. Rao, ex-Director, Central Statistical Organisation and UN Advisor

- (2) Shri S.M. Vidwans, ex-Director (Economic & Statistics), Government of Maharashtra and UN Expert
- (3) Prof. J. Roy, Professor Emeritus at Indian Statistical Institute
- (4) Dr. Prem Narain, Emeritus Scientist, IARI and ex-Director, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute
- (5) Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Director General, NCAER
- (6) Dr. V.R. Panchmukhi, Director-General, Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries
- (7) Dr. Y. Venugopal Reddy, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
- (8) Dr. K. Srinivasan, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India and ex-Director of International Institute of Population Studies
- (9) Prof. S. Tendulkar, Delhi School of Economics and Vice-Chairman, National Advisory Board on Statistics
- (10) Dr. A.B.L. Srivastava, Chief Consultant, Educational Consultants India Ltd. & ex-Professor, NCERT
- (11) Dr. Freddie Ardeshir Mehta, Eminent Private Sector Economist and Director, M/s Tata Sons Ltd.

2. The terms of reference of the National Statistical Commission are as follows:

- (i) To examine critically the deficiencies of the present statistical system in terms of timeliness, reliability and adequacy;
- (ii) To recommend measures to correct the deficiencies and revamp the statistical system to generate timely and reliable statistics for the purpose of policy and planning in Government at different levels of administrative structure;
- (iii) To recommend permanent and effective coordinating mechanism for ensuring integrated development of the decentralised statistical system in the country;

- (iv) To review the existing legislation for the collection of statistical information and to recommend amendments, where necessary, to achieve the objective of collection and dissemination of timely, reliable and adequate statistics;
- (v) To review the existing organisation of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (Statistics Wing) and other statistical units of the Government and to make recommendations on their staffing and training requirements to enable them to cope with the increase and development of statistical services;
- (vi) To examine the need for instituting statistical audit of the range of services provided by the Government and local bodies and make suitable recommendations thereof; and
- (vii) To recommend any other measures for improving the statistical system in the country.

3. The Commission will be assisted by a Secretariat headed by a full-time secretary at the level of Additional Secretary. Appropriate boarding/ lodging, TA/DA and transport arrangements will be made by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation and regulated as per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance from time to time. The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation will meet the expenditure involved in all the activities from the budget allocations of the Ministry.

4. The Commission is expected to submit its report to the Government within a period of twelve months from the date of its establishment.

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